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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the Matter of)

Amendment of Parts 2, 25 and 97 of the)
Commission's Rules with Regard to the)
Mobile-Satellite Service Above 1 GHz)

ET Docket No. 98-142

To: The Commission

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mobile Communications Holdings, Inc. ("MCHI"), by counsel, hereby seeks a one-week extension of the reply deadline in the above-captioned proceeding, which is currently October 5, 1998. MCHI recognizes that its extension request is late-filed under the Commission's rules, but believes that an extension is appropriate to ensure a complete record on all of the issues that have been raised by commenters. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.^{1/}

Although the comments filed in this proceeding are not voluminous, they do address technical matters that require more than cursory study. These comments were filed less than two weeks ago, on September 21, 1998, and were not available for duplicating until a few days later. Accordingly, the relatively short period of time

^{1/} FCC staff was contacted prior to the filing of this motion.

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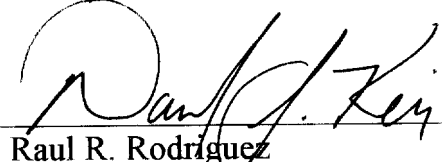
between the comment filing date and the current reply deadline — which included the Yom Kippur holiday — has proven insufficient to evaluate fully and respond meaningfully to the views advanced in the initial comments. Despite MCHI's desire that this proceeding be completed as expeditiously as possible, it nonetheless believes that the public interest would be advanced by a brief one-week extension of time for filing of reply comments. Such an extension will facilitate assembly of a complete record of the views of all interested parties.

Accordingly, MCHI respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline for submitting reply comments in this proceeding until Monday, October 12, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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